

Below is a helpful list of common terms and definitions related to New Hampshire’s independent Comprehensive Assessment for Treatment (CAT) service program, which is managed by Maximus Clinical Services. Be sure to check back for periodic updates to this glossary as new terms are added.

TERM	DEFINITION
Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)	The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed into law as part of Public Law (P.L.) 115–123 and has several provisions to enhance support services for families to help children remain at home, reduce the unnecessary use of congregate care, and build the capacity of communities to support children and families.
Comprehensive Assessment for Treatment (CAT)	The assessment process by which a child, youth or young adult’s need for residential or other treatment is assessed and to determine whether the child or youth utilizing residential treatment have a clinical need for this intensive service.
Child and Adolescent Strengths and Needs Tool (CANS)	A tool practitioners utilize to identify each child and family’s strengths and needs. DHHS determined this tool to be the standardized assessment tool for the children’s behavioral health system, per RSA 135-F.
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)	An inpatient level of care provided in a residential facility rather than a hospital. PRTFs provide active treatment to children and youth under age 21 with complex mental health conditions. PRTFs deliver services under the direction of a physician, seven days per week, to residents and their families, which may include individual, family and group therapy. For more information on PRTF’s please visit – https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/long-term-services-supports/institutional-long-termcare/inpatient-psychiatric-services-individuals-under-age-21/index.html
Qualified Individual	A trained professional or licensed clinician who is not an employee of the title agency and who is not connected to, or affiliated with, any placement setting in which children are placed by the agency or makes a recommendation to place
Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Permanency Teams	A group of DCYF staff that meets at least monthly to develop permanency action plans for children and youth in out-of-home care and to provide consultation and planning to Child Protective Service Worker (CPSW) Juvenile Probation and Parole Office (JPPO) concerning permanency issues.

PROJECT ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
BCBH	Bureau for Children’s Behavioral Health
CANS	Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths

CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
CAST	Comprehensive Assessment and Short-term Treatment Program
CAT	Comprehensive Assessments for Treatment
CME	Care Management Entity
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DCYF	Division of Children, Youth, and Families
FAST Forward	Families and Systems Together Forward Program
FFPSA	Federal Family First Prevention Services Act
LOC	Level of Care
MCO	Managed Care Organizations
SOC-IT	Systems of Care – Implementation Team
TR-ECC	Transitional Residential Enhanced Care Coordination Workgroup

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